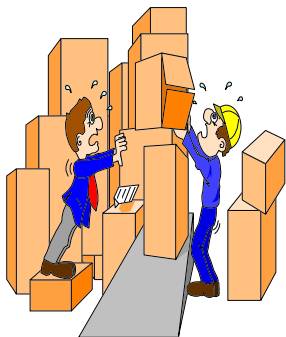


# What Goes - What Stays



Our household goods represent a major investment, and although the government will generally ship all your household goods to an overseas duty station, it pays to give some thought to what you really need to take.

The first consideration is value. Any overseas transfer means your furniture will be shipped and transshipped; that is, moved from truck to ship and back with perhaps a train trip included. Despite the most careful handling, there is always a chance for damage. While claims for damage do eventually get settled and insurance claims paid, you may find that a suitable replacement or proper repairs are not readily available. In general, it might be better to leave particularly valuable or hard to repair or replace items in storage in CONUS. A third shipment of items of particular sentiment or monetary value can be shipped to a relative or friend for safekeeping. This shipment is



authorized when the distance involved is less than the distance between your current duty station and your new duty station. For example, if you are cur-

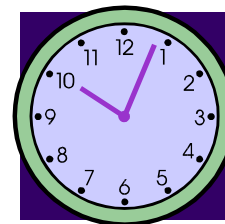
rently in Norfolk, Va. and are going to Gaeta, Italy and you want to send your firearms, most of your antique furniture and glassware to your mother in Chicago, this can be authorized because the distance from Norfolk to Chicago is less than the distance from Norfolk to Gaeta. Confused? For further information about ALL your authorized shipments, contact your local Personal Property office.

There are advantages to taking as much of your furniture and as many of your appliances as is reasonable. If you can use your own furniture, you avoid the expense of possibly having to rent or purchase furniture when you arrive in the host country. If possible, take your beds; they may be the hardest pieces of furniture to replace overseas.

Another consideration is size. American homes are apt to be larger than those in other countries and American furniture is built to conform to the larger size. A good many Navy/Marine Corps families have been disappointed to find their furniture just didn't fit in those smaller style houses. Some overseas bases provide items of furniture on a loan basis. The Overseas Living Conditions Report, your sponsor, your new command and your local Family Service Center can provide information that should help you in making your decision.

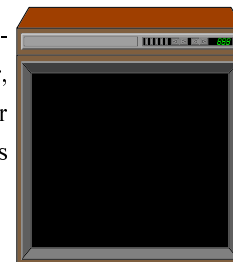


# Voltage Facts



Compared to other people, Americans are very "appliance conscious". Our kitchens are veritable electronic warehouses. In most cases our American appli-

ances are not designed for foreign electric current, usually because of differences in voltage and/or cycles per second. They work, but at a slower rate. For example, a clock will give you 50 minutes to the hour. Voltage, often much higher overseas, can be reduced through the use of transformers and adapters. These devices may be expensive even in overseas military exchanges but are often available at thrift shops or from a departing military family. Without these adapters appliances may burn out or not work at all. Recommendations vary from one area to another. Most, but not all, overseas on-base housing comes equipped with stoves, refrigerators, washers and dryers. Off-base housing may not be as fully equipped if at all. In Japan for instance, off-base homes not only may not have washer, dryer or an oven, there may not be any room available for such items. So double check with your sponsor, your new command and your Overseas Living Conditions Report.





## Moving Electronics

The following are some tips on preparing, packing and moving electronic equipment.

- ♦ If possible, pack in the original cartons. If not, pack each item separately.
- ♦ Code wiring with tape for easier reinstallation.
- ♦ In hot or cold weather, allow equipment to return to room temperature before turning it on.
- ♦ When moving a personal computer, “park” the hard disk using the “Park.exe” file that is usually included on the system diagnostics diskette. To protect the floppy disk drive, put in a blank disk and close the drive. Be sure to back up all your files.
- ♦ When moving a stereo, fasten down the tone arm, tighten the turntable screws and secure the dustcover.
- ♦ When moving a CD player, check instructions to secure the laser. Heat can warp CDs, so don’t put them in a place where they will be subject to high heat.

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